



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 136**

January Session, 2007

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**AN ACT CONCERNING DIVERSITY IN THE HEALTH CARE  
WORKFORCE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) The Board of Governors  
2 of Higher Education shall require each public and independent  
3 institution of higher education that offers health professional programs  
4 to develop a strategic plan to ensure institutional diversity and cultural  
5 competence in the health care workforce. In developing such plan,  
6 each institution shall review the strategic plan developed pursuant to  
7 section 10a-11 of the general statutes. Each institution shall include in  
8 the plan goals, standards, programs and accountability measures. In  
9 addition, each institution's plan shall (1) have recruitment and  
10 retention policies for ethnic or racial minorities that ensure diversity in  
11 such programs, and (2) provide for the representation of ethnic or  
12 racial minorities on admission committees. Each institution shall report  
13 annually to the Board of Governors of Higher Education information  
14 on the diversity of the students enrolled in its health professional  
15 programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following  
sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2007	New section
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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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